

Before hunting at Amistad National Recreation Area, read these regulations. Study the map of the recreation area provided with this guide. Know the areas where you may hunt, and the areas where you may not hunt. State of Texas hunting season dates and regulations apply except where the following Amistad National Recreation Area Regulations are more restrictive (**Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations**).

**Violations of State Law, Federal Law, and/or these regulations may result in a fine and/or the suspension or permanent loss of your hunting privileges. [36CFR 1.6(h)]**

Before you leave on your hunting trip, we recommend that you inform a relative or friend of your intended point of entry, route of travel, and time of return. While hunting, we recommend that you dress appropriately for changing weather conditions and carry a flashlight, compass, first aid kit, maps, and water. Do not cross or park on private property without the consent of the landowner. Hunters must obtain their \$20.00 National Park Service Annual Hunting Permit in person at the park Visitor Information Center.

**HUNTING REGULATIONS**

- 1. The hunting season within Amistad National Recreation Area (Amistad NRA) extends from the opening date of the State of Texas fall Dove hunting season through the last day of Quail season. The White-tailed deer season ends at the end of the Special Late General Season. The Spring Turkey Season is not observed within the recreation area. Hunting at any other time or in any other manner than prescribed in this set of regulations is prohibited. **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]; [36CFR 7.79(a)(2)]**
- 2. The following items must be in your possession while hunting at Amistad NRA: a current Amistad National Recreation Area Hunting Permit; a State of Texas Hunting License; a Driver’s License or an official personal identification certificate issued by a State department of public safety or similar State agency authorized to issue a driver’s license; appropriate State and/or Federal stamps; and a Hunter Safety Course Certification (if required). **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 3. Hunting is authorized in five specific, designated hunting areas within Amistad NRA. A map showing the location of these five hunt areas is provided on the back of this pamphlet. **[36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 4. The Amistad NRA Hunting Permit entitles you to use archery equipment only to take white-tailed deer, javelina, exotic Mouflon and Aoudad sheep, exotic Blackbuck, feral hog, and rabbit during the white-tail deer season. You can use archery equipment to take turkey during the archery and fall turkey season. You can use shotguns with birdshot only to take dove, quail, waterfowl (duck), and rabbit (shotguns can only be used to take rabbit during the dove and quail season). **[36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]; [36CFR 7.79(a)(2)]**
- 5. Archery and crossbow equipment is allowed in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations. **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]**
- 6. Shotguns with birdshot may be possessed and/or used only during dove, quail and waterfowl season. Possession of buckshot or slugs in the hunt areas is prohibited. **[36 CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 7. All handguns and rifles are prohibited. **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]** Concealed weapons are prohibited within the recreation area. **[36CFR 2.4(a)(1)(i)/(ii)/(iii)]**
- 8. Shotguns must be unloaded (empty chamber and magazine) while crossing a “closed area” to reach a “hunting area.” **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]**

- 9. All weapons must be unloaded and unavailable for immediate use (rendered temporarily inoperable or packed, cased, or stored) while traveling in a vehicle or boat. **[36CFR 2.4(a)(3)]**
- 10. Waterfowl may be hunted by boat within 100 yards of the exterior shoreline boundary of all hunt areas. Shooting must be directed toward the hunt area shoreline when duck hunting by boat. Waterfowl may also be hunted from the shoreline of the hunt areas and at interior ponds located within the hunt areas. **[36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 11. While waterfowl hunting, only non-toxic shot approved by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be possessed. Possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting is unlawful. **[36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 12. The use and/or possession of hunting dogs is allowed for hunting of game birds only. Bird dogs must remain under the owner’s control at all times. **[36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]**
- 13. Possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage while in an area open to hunting is prohibited. **[36CFR 2.35(a)(3)(i)]**
- 14. Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited. **[36CFR 2.2(a)(2)]**
- 15. Hunting over a baited area is prohibited. **[36 CFR 2.2(b)94]**
- 16. Portable deer stands or blinds may be used, but they must not be left unattended for longer than 48 hours. **[36CFR 2.22(a)(2)]** Construction or use of permanent stands or other structures is prohibited. **[36CFR 5.7]** Ground blinds are acceptable, but construction is limited to the use of vegetation that is **both dead and down**. Deer stands may not penetrate the bark of the tree. **[36CFR 2.1(a)(1)(ii)]** You are required to label your portable deer stand or blind with your permit number. Deer stands that are unmarked or unattended for over 48 hours will be confiscated by Amistad NRA. **[36CFR 2.22(a)(2)]**
- 17. Target practice (including skeet shooting and archery) is prohibited anywhere within Amistad NRA. **[36CFR 2.4(a)(1)(iii)]**
- 18. Camping within the boundaries of a hunt area is prohibited during the hunting season. **[36CFR 2.10(a)]**
- 19. The display of harvested game in the Amistad NRA campgrounds is prohibited. **[36CFR 2.10(a)]**
- 20. The gutting of deer is prohibited in or near the hunt area parking lots. **[36CFR 2.2(d)]**
- 21. Hunting domestic livestock is prohibited.
- 22. Hunters are required to carry out their spent shotgun shells.
- 23. All hunters must return a completed *Hunter Data Sheet* by March 15, 2009 showing hunt dates, hunt areas, targeted game, and game harvested. The sheet will still be accepted from March 16, 2009 to August 1, 2009, but a processing fee of \$10.00 will be assessed when the next season’s hunting permit is purchased. If the hunter data sheet has not been turned in by August 1, 2008, an administrative fee of \$100 will be assessed when the next season’s hunting permit is purchased. **[36CFR 1.6(h)]**

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## HUNTING REGULATIONS 2008- 2009

